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an unusual pigeon house. On our way back to Leamington, we tried to go into the grounds of Charlecote Park, now belonging to the National Trust. We found it does not open until April, but saw large herds of fallow deer in the park, with a romantic looking large pink Tudor castle in the distance. This was where Shakespeare was alleged to have been caught up for deer poaching in Sir Thomas Lucy's time. The Lucy coat of arms is unusual, consisting of three fish suspended tail downward. It no doubt comes from a Norman coat of arms. The three fish were prettily incised in the iron gates, as well as sculptured in masonry.

We passed the huge pile of Warwick Castle on our way back, but this, too, was closed. This was a most enjoyable day. The country around Stratford seemed to me even more beautiful than anything we have yet seen in England.

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March 24, 1963 - Sunday

Came to the office this morning. It is a beautiful day, with the temperature about 50°. We took a walk this afternoon, and later Jessie Bruce, Clement Brown, and Mr. McKean came to tea. Tonight, Diana Cooper and Joe Alsop dined with us. We had good conversation, and lots of it.

March 25, 1963 - Monday

Joe Alsop came to see me this morning at the office. He had spent ten days in Paris recently. He fears that General deGaulle will displace any pro-American members of his Cabinet (if there are any), as well as the less nationalistic men in high positions in the Quai Dorsay. He heard of the possibility of Giscard d'Estain being forced out as Minister of Finance, with Michel Debre taking his place. I do not believe the General would do anything so foolish.

Joe predicts a gloomy future for the pound and the dollar.

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March 26, 1963 - Tuesday

I paid a return call this morning on the Ambassador of the Ivory Coast, M. Amadou Bocoum, at 2 Upper Belgrave Street. This well-educated man, speaking impeccable French, was interesting about conditions in this country.

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